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Ilford will test Wycombe's form

AFTER recording a major success against Hendon on Tuesday night, Wycombe Wanderers' recent revival will be tested again tomorrow (Saturday) when Ilford visit Loakes Park in the

Rothmans Isthmian League.

Ilford have a host of star players in ther ranks, and yet struggled in the early stages of the season. They were unable to lift themselves out of a midtable position until just recently when they shot up Division One. They now occupy fourth place.

Many of last season's squad are still at the club, including centre-half John Still, Peter Deadman while goalkeeper Terry Moore is always a difficult man to beat. Up front Ilford have the strength of Tony Bass plus the finishing of John Butterfield.

Ilford's latest result emphasised their gradual improvement. They took three points plus a £40 bonus from Topfield with a 4-1 victory over Hitchin, who beat Wycombe 2-0 earlier in the season. Ilford have also taken a point from leaders Enfield recently, in a 2-2 home draw.

Wanderers should have

skipper John Delaney back in action after missing Tuesday's game with a thigh injury. Geoff Anthony, who went off injured in the closing stages on Tuesday, should also be fit.

Although it seems Kingstonian striker Nobby Skinner will not be joining Wycombe as expected, the Blues made a signing this week when goalkeeper Peter Spittle rejoined the club. Peter spent a season with the Blues and then decided to try his luck at Slough. On moving to Woking he joined the 1sthmian League club there but has since decided to come back to Wycombe. Peter, a useful goalkeeper, will provide Wanderers with a recognised stand-in to John Maskell which should enable Dave Bullock to concentrate on his centre back role.

Despite beating Hendon convincingly on Tuesday, Wanderers remained in eighth place in the table. Three points over Ilford tomorrow would see them catch up with the leaders in their bid to retain the championship.

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